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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 11, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejection for the reasons set forth below.

